

# Kittitas County WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD Application for Change/Transfer Record of Decision

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# (Kittitas County) WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD Application for Change/Transfer OF A RIGHT TO THE BENEFICIAL USE OF THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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## **Report of Examination**

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY - CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE

**NOTE TO APPLICANT:** Pursuant to WAC 173-153-130(8), the applicant is not permitted to proceed to act on the proposal until Ecology makes a final decision affirming, in whole or in part, the board's recommendation. It is advised that the applicant not proceed until the appeal period of Ecology's decision is complete.

**NOTE TO AUTHOR:** Read the instructions for completing a water conservancy board report of examination. <u>Use the F11 key to move through the form.</u>

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EXCEPT that portion which lies within the Teanaway River.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORKS

The Teanaway River point of diversion will be moved downstream 1.7 miles to the Goodwin property. The place of use description is being corrected to describe the actual land irrigated. These changes are part of a larger project being completed with the help of the Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) to provide fish screening, fish passage and improved water use efficiency.

	DEVELOPMENT SCHI	EDULE
BEGIN PROJECT BY THIS DATE:	COMPLETE PROJECT BY THIS DATE:	COMPLETE CHANGE AND PUT WATER TO FULL USE BY THIS DATE
January 3, 2012	November 1, 2012	September 15, 2013

#### REPORT

NOTE TO AUTHOR: This form reflects the minimum regulatory requirements as required in WAC 173-153-130(6). In accordance with WAC 173-153-130(5), "It is the responsibility of the water conservancy board to ensure that all relevant issues identified during its evaluation of the application, or which are raised by any commenting party during the board's evaluation process, are thoroughly evaluated and discussed in the board's deliberations. These discussions must be fully documented in the report of examination." Completion solely of the minimum regulatory requirements may not constitute a fully documented decision.

## **BACKGROUND** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(a)]

On September 20, 2011 Greg Goodwin of Cle Elum, WA filed an application for change of point of diversion and change of place of use under Court Claim No 00777. The application was accepted at an open public meeting on September 20, 2011, and the board assigned application number Kitt-11-08.

Attributes of the water right as currently documented

Name on certificate, claim, permit: Greg Goodwin

Water right document number: Court Claim No 00777

As modified by certificate of change number:

Priority date, first use: June 30, 1885

Water quantities: Qi: 0.55 (when surplus water is available in excess of that needed to satisfy all existing rights, and additional 0.55 cfs may be diverted)

Qa: 178.75 acre ft./ year for irrigation, 2 acre ft./ for stockwater

Source: Teanaway River, Mason Creek, Musser Creek

Teanaway River: Point of diversion/withdrawal: located within 150 ft north and 800 ft west from the southeast corner of Section 10, being within the SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 10, T. 20 N., R. 16 E.W.M.

Mason Creek: 10 feet west and 10 feet south of the east quarter corner of Section 14, being within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 14, T. 20 N., R. 16 E.W.M.

Musser Creek: 1000 ft south and 1600 ft east of the west quarter corner of Section 13, being within the NE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 13, T. 20 N., R.16E.W.M.

Purpose of use: Irrigation of 27.5 acres and stockwater

Period of use: May 1 through September 15

Place of use: That portion of the following described parcel lying in the SW¼ of Section 13, T. 20 N., R. 16 E.W.M.: Beginning at a point on the south line of said section on the westerly right of way of the Teanaway Road; thence northwesterly along said right of way to Musser Creek; thence southwesterly along said creek to the Giles-Castor Ditch; thence easterly along the north bank of said ditch to the south line of said section; thence east to the point of beginning; also known as Parcels 3 and 4 of that survey recorded in Book 16 of Surveys, at Pages 61 and 62, records of Kittitas County.

Existing provisions: When surplus water is available in excess of that needed to satisfy all existing rights, and additional 0.55 cfs may be diverted.

Tentative determination of the water right

The tentative determination is provided on the front page of this report.

#### History of water use

The Goodwin property historically received water delivered via the 3M Ditch from the Teanaway River, Mason Creek and Musser Creek. The 3M Ditch is a 1.6 mile long open dirt delivery ditch that delivers water to six different properties. The Goodwin property typically receives water from the ditch at their property. The property is sprinkler irrigated with wheellines and handlines to produce hay and pasture.

Previous changes

There are no previous changes.

The board has reviewed the proposed project in its entirety. This project is exempt from SEPA because it is only changing the point of diversion and place of use and it is under the cfs threshold. There is an existing Programmatic Exemption held by WDFW for pump fish screens.

Other

<Provide any other pertinent information relative to the background of this water right>

#### The information or conclusions in this section were authored and/or developed by Mark Crowley.

#### COMMENT AND PROTESTS [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(b)]

Public notice of the application was given in the Daily Record on October 4 and October 11, 2011. Protest period ended on November 10, 2011.

There were no protests received during the 30 day protest period. In addition, no oral and written comments were received at an open public meeting of the board or other means as designated by the board.

Date: <Date protest/comment received>

This was recognized by the board as a Protest Comment

Name/address of protestor/commenter: <name/address of protestor/commenter>

Issue: <describe issues raised>

Board's analysis: <board's response to the protest/comment>

NOTE to author: Repeat this table as necessary to describe each protest or comment

Other

<Provide any other pertinent information relative to the comments and protests received>

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#### **INVESTIGATION** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(c)]

The following information was obtained from a site inspection conducted by Gregg Hall on September 29, 2011, technical reports, research of department records, aerial photos and conversations with the applicant and/or other interested parties.

Proposed project plans and specifications

In January 2009 there was major flooding in the Teanaway watershed that did significant damage to private property and infrastructure in the area. In the area of the diversion location for the 3M Ditch the Teanaway River eroded a lot of bank and dropped several feet making the ability to divert water for irrigation in the spring virtually impossible without a significant amount of instream work. The Kittitas County Conservation District was contacted for technical and financial assistance to the 3M Ditch irrigators.

The Kittitas County Conservation District is working with the irrigators on the 3M Ditch to eliminate the last known push up dam diversion on the mainstem Teanaway River. The push up dam often creates a fish passage barrier in the low flows late in the irrigation season. The project will move each irrigator's point of diversion to their property eliminating the need to use the ditch to convey water to the properties thereby allowing that conveyance water to stay in the river.

A new point of diversion on the Goodwin property will be a properly screened pump diversion to supply water to the place of use via a sprinkler system. The pump, screen and power will be portable so that it can be moved out of the flood plain during the non-irrigation season. The mobility will also allow for the diversion to move as the river moves around in the flood plain. This point of diversion change will also improve instream flows in the Teanaway River by allowing the water to stay in the river until reaching the Goodwin property and eliminating the need for conveyance water to carry the water in the 3M Ditch.

Mr. Goodwin will continue to maintain the existing Musser Creek point of diversion.

Other water rights appurtenant to the property (if applicable)

Other water right holders using the same diversion that is being eliminated are:

Don Tidwell; CTCL # 00914

Albeno G. Carollo & Violet Carollo, Michael J. Carollo; CTCL #00914 (two)

Milton F. Downs & Geraldine Downs; CTCL # 00777 (two)

Robert J. and Cecelia A. Badda; CTCL # 00914

Each of these irrigators will be moving their POD their own property.

Public Interest (groundwater only)

The proposed transfer is subject to RCW 90.44.100 and therefore, cannot be detrimental to the public interest, including impacts on any watershed planning activities. <Provide an analysis of the transfer as to whether it is detrimental to the public interest, including impacts on any watershed planning activity. Public interest is not considered if the proposed water right is authorized under RCW 90.03.380 exclusively>

#### Tentative Determination

In order to make a water right change decision, the Board must make a tentative determination on the validity and extent of the right. The Board has made the tentative determination as displayed upon the first page of this report. There are several circumstances that can cause the board's tentative determination to differ from the stated extent of the water right within water right documentation. Water right documents attempt to define a maximum limitation to a water right, rather than the actual extent to which a water right has been developed and maintained through historic beneficial use. Additionally, except for a sufficient cause pursuant to RCW 90.14.140, water rights, in whole or in part, not put to a beneficial use for five consecutive years since 1967 may be subject to relinquishment under Chapter 90.14.130 through 90.14.180 RCW. Water rights may additionally be lost through abandonment. The Board's tentative determination was based upon the following findings: A site visit, aerial photos and irrigator testimony indicates that the water has been used to the full extent of the water right.

Geologic, Hydrogeologic, or other scientific investigations (if applicable)

<Describe the results of any geologic, hydrogeologic, or other scientific investigations that were considered by the board and how this information contributed to the board's conclusions>

Other

<Provide any other pertinent information relative to the investigation of this application>

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CONCLUSIONS [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(d)]

Tentative determination (validity and extent of the right)

The water right has been used to the extent of 0.55 cfs and 178.75 acre feet for irrigation and 2 acre feet for stockwater as indicated by testimony and site visit.

Relinquishment or abandonment concerns

None

Hydraulic analysis

<Describe the result, as adopted by the board, of any hydraulic analysis done related to the proposed water right transfer>

Consideration of comments and protests

There were no protests.

**Impairment** 

There is no impairment

Public Interest

Project is not detrimental to public interest.

Other

The board also considered the previous provisions associated with the water right as identified in the background section of this report when making its decision. <Provide any other pertinent information relative to the board's conclusions>

**DECISION** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(e)]

The Kittitas County Water Conservancy Board is in full agreement that the POD and POU changes are not harming any other irrigator and is environmentally beneficial.

<Provide any other pertinent information relative to the board's decision>

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PROVISIONS [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(f)]

Conditions and limitations

Continued

None

Mitigation (if applicable)

None

Construction Schedule

The construction will begin as soon as possible and should be completed by October 2012.

Other

An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for the source identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", WAC 173-173.

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The undersigned board commissioner certifies that he/she understands the board is responsible "to ensure that all relevant issues identified during its evaluation of the application, or which are raised by any commenting party during the board's evaluation process, are thoroughly evaluated and discussed in the board's deliberations. These discussions must be <u>fully documented</u> in the report of examination." [WAC 173-153-130(5)] The undersigned therefore, certifies that he/she, having reviewed the report of examination, knows and understands the content of this report and concurs with the report's conclusions.

Signed at <u>Ellensburg</u>, <u>Washington</u> This <u>15th</u> day of <u>November</u>, <u>2011</u>

Gregg Hall, Board Representative

Kittitas County Water Conservancy Board

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